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1. Haiti -
Communist Bloc

a. Port-au-Prince calmed down yesterday, a religious holiday, as peasants from the hinterland began to head home.

b. Duvalier has invited suspicion that he might appeal for help to the Communist Bloc by implying, in a speech Wednesday, that he would accept foreign aid from any source.

c. We note in connection with this that a Polish "economist" arrived in Port-au-Prince last Saturday for consultations with the resident Polish commercial attache.

d. Warsaw's ambassador to Mexico, who is accredited to Haiti as well, is expected to present his credentials to Duvalier on Monday. This would provide a suitable occasion to make a formal appeal, especially if the spadework has already been done.

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2. North Vietnam -
Laos

a. Comparison of photography taken in mid-May with earlier reconnaissance shows that a military installation in the extreme southwest corner of North Vietnam has undergone considerable expansion since January 1961.

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c. [REDACTED]

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the Pathet Lao, with North Vietnamese help, are readying a general offensive to clear the Plaine des Jarres of neutralist and rightist forces.

d. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Communists are capable of doing this and have--from their point of view--ample justification in Kong Le's efforts to restore his own position

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3. Cuba-USSR

a. The official portion of Castro's visit ended yesterday with a huge rally at a Moscow stadium.

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b. In Khrushchev's speech, there was no hint of a bilateral defense pact, and his statements on Soviet military backing for Cuba were less explicit than some he has made previously.

c. Castro's reply suggests the Soviets have successfully softened him up. For instance, he now refers to Khrushchev's "timely and energetic" actions in preserving peace last fall.

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f. The Soviet ship Maria Ulyanova (capacity 430) arrived in Havana yesterday on its regular run. We have no passenger information yet, but Moscow announced yesterday that 100 Soviet agriculture specialists had sailed (it did not say when) to help with mechanization problems.

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g. [] photography shows no significant change in the status of the Soviet camps covered. This included all of the principal encampments except Holguin. []

4. Indonesia

a. [] most conditions for revolution now exist in [] country. One missing ingredient is the support of army leaders, and [] this may develop.

b. [] the rather passive, sympathetic attitude of government troops during the recent anti-Chinese riots in the Bandung area. [] younger army officers and students as the principal elements behind these disorders.

c. We feel [] implication of imminent revolution is overdrawn. We have little doubt, however, that a cessation of operations by the oil companies []

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[redacted]
[redacted] will lead to a sharp rise
in popular discontent.

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5. Brazil

a. Political tensions in
Brazil are rising yet again. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] elements of the left or
right intend to take some sort of
violent action against their oppo-
nents today or tonight.

c. Serious military plotting
for an eventual coup against Goulart
continues to move forward.

NOTES

- A. EEC At the EEC Agriculture Ministers' session on Tuesday, West Germany's Minister Schwartz set the tone with a declaration that Bonn is unwilling "on principle" to reduce its grain prices (the highest in EEC). He anticipates inflationary price rises will gradually bring the other member's prices in-to line. The outlook appears no better for a reduction in duties on poultry which the council will consider next week.
- B. Turkey Ankara and Istanbul are outwardly quiet under martial law. The prevailing mood is one of regret, not so much that the coup failed (it had few real sympathizers), but that the government has been given an excuse to do nothing but retrench. Pressure is building up again.

D. Berlin Khrushchev told Swedish Foreign Minister Nilsson last week that he found it difficult to discuss Berlin with Adenauer. He assumed it would also be difficult to discuss the matter with Chancellor-Designate Erhard and therefore reserves the right to discuss the issue with Erhard's successor.

E. USSR The Soviets early this morning launched what appears to be another recoverable, Cosmos series satellite from Tyuratam.